

March 27, 2026

PALM
SUNDAY

Rejoice in the Lord

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Newsletter



The
**Donway Covenant
 United Church**



Our Mission

“To follow Jesus by sharing God’s unconditional love as the Spirit empowers us.”

Our Vision

We will follow Jesus...

- **By being a local Christian church within the United Church of Canada; a community anchor for spiritual exploration and growth where life, worship, knowledge, service and song all contribute to our larger story.**
- **By welcoming and involving people of diverse faith, ethnicities, abilities, ages and stages of life, economic situations, sexual orientation and gender identities.**
- **By caring for all members with compassion, empathy and joy.**
- **By acts of service, reaching out to engage and support our community, the country and the world.**
- **By building bridges within our community, as a congregation recognizing the variety of religions and spiritualities in the most diverse city in the world.**
- **By using our facilities for religious, social, cultural, educational, or other programs that reflect our values.**

**We are an AFFIRMING
 Congregation**



Affirming Congregation
 United Church of Canada



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Palm Sunday

from **Sounding the Seasons**,
 by Malcolm Guite, CanterburyPress

*Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
 The seething holy city of my heart,
 The saviour comes.*

*But will I welcome him?
 Oh crowds of easy feelings
 make a start;
 They raise their hands,
 get caught up in the singing,
 And think the battle won.
 Too soon they'll find
 The challenge, the reversal
 he is bringing
 Changes their tune.
 I know what lies behind
 The surface flourish
 that so quickly fades;
 Self-interest,
 and fearful guardedness,
 The hardness of the heart,
 its barricades,
 And at the core,
 the dreadful emptiness
 Of a perverted temple.
 Jesus come
 Break my resistance
 and make me your home.*

We come now, on Palm Sunday, to the beginning of Holy Week: a strange Palm Sunday, a strange Holy Week, in which we cannot make the outward and visible journeys and gestures, exchanges and gatherings that have always bodied forth the inner meaning of this week; the procession of palm crosses, the choral singing of hosannah, all those things that echo the events of the first Palm Sunday.

But the inner journey is more necessary than ever, and in the sonnets that follow I have explored the truth that what was happening ‘out there’ and ‘back then’ as Christ entered Jerusalem is also happening ‘in here’ and ‘right now’. There is a Jerusalem of the heart. Our inner life also has its temple and palaces, its places of corruption, its gardens of rest, its seat of judgement.

Malcolm Guite



“A Day of Reflection, A Promise of Hope”

Good Friday is the Friday of **Holy Week**, the day when Christians remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus. It is a time to pause, reflect, and consider the depth of love and courage shown in Jesus’ final hours.

The term **The Passion** refers to the suffering Jesus endured - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - in the hours leading up to and including his trial and crucifixion. It was a time of betrayal, pain, and injustice, yet also a time that reveals the power of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Good Friday invites us to step into this story for a moment, to reflect on what it means to love sacrificially, and to notice the hope that runs quietly beneath the pain - the hope of mercy, reconciliation, and new life that will be fully revealed on **Easter Sunday**.

We hope you will join us in person this **Good Friday** to share in this reflective service and the journey toward **Easter** together.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

Matthew chapter 21: verses 1 ~ 11

“It Started With a Parade”

Spring is back - robins calling, sparrows chattering, and geese honking confidently overhead. The light lingers, snow melts, and the world seems to wake toward warmth, colour, and life.

But spring doesn’t move in a straight line. Mild afternoons are followed by frost; one day we shed coats, the next we dig boots back out. Two steps forward, one step back.



Holy Week is much the same. Palm Sunday bursts with celebration, hope in the air, branches waving. Yet the week unfolds through tension, grief, and waiting before reaching Easter joy.

We might wish to skip ahead, but our faith calls us to walk the journey as it comes - one day at a time, with its questions, its challenges, and its quiet moments of grace. Like spring, the path is uneven, surprising, and sometimes uncomfortable - yet God is present in every step, gently leading us forward.

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 19th
Immediately after Worship



The
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Join us in the
Celebration of
Communion



Sunday Worship
March 29th

SERVICES
for
LENT



Mar 29 Palm Sunday
10:30 am **"It Started With A Parade"**
Communion will be served



Join us for Worship
in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee



Hosanna, **CLICK HERE**



**HOT CROSS BUN
BRUNCH**



Apr 3 Hot Cross Bun Brunch
following the Worship service.



Join us
in our Auditorium

The Fellowship Committee

**HOLY
WEEK**



Apr 3 Good Friday
10:30 am **"Sharing the Weight of the Cross"**

Apr 5 Easter Sunday
10:30 am **"Now for the Dawning"**



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in our Sanctuary

The Worship Committee



**My Door Is
Always Open**

Drop by anytime
during the day,
Monday to Thursday

You should be able to catch me every
morning and some afternoons. Call
ahead to ensure I am at the church.

Lorrie

The Church Office

(regular hours)

is open four days a week

**Monday to Thursday,
9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Closed Fridays

If you plan on visiting it is best to 'phone
ahead so Emily knows you are coming.

If you leave a voice message Emily will get
back to you as soon
as she is free. **(416) 444 - 8444**



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What's coming up?
Go to our web site and find out!!!

<https://www.donwaycovenant.com/>

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Donway Covenant United Church





HOLY WEEK



Loving God,

As we enter Holy Week, we remember that this sacred journey begins with celebration and hope, yet leads through sorrow, uncertainty, and waiting before the joy of Easter morning.

We hold in prayer all who are facing illness, appointments, tests, and long seasons of waiting.

Bring calm to anxious hearts, strength to weary bodies, and wisdom to those who offer care.

*Surround them with your peace, and remind them that they are not alone, but held in your love and gentle presence.
Amen.*

Rev Lorrie Daly-Price



Join us this Lent for Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator



Featuring guests from across the church, the six-part video series exploring food, faith, and community

In this spirit, coming this Lent we're excited to continue sharing with you ***Kitchen Conversations with the Moderator***, a new six-part video series exploring food, faith, and the power of invitation, hosted by the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath.

Drawing inspiration and recipes from the United Church's Lenten devotional, ***Bless Break Share: Recipes for Faithful Living***, we're getting in the kitchen with guests from across the church, including book contributors, United Church youth, and the Moderator's own family.

The series debuted on Shrove Tuesday and continues on Sundays throughout Lent, concluding with a special Easter message.

Watch on Sundays by going to the website

<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/organization-and-governance/moderator/right-rev-dr-kimberly-heath-45th-moderator/kitchen-conversations>

In our final episode, Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith makes bulla, a Jamaican snack, and talks food justice and welcoming all cultures to the table.

Baking her grandmother's recipe for bulla, a Jamaican cookie, is Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith, editor of and contributor to ***Bless Break Share***, as well as a worship leader and educator. From the kitchen of Toronto's **Beach United Church**, the conversation explores the story of the book, as well as the true meaning of food justice, and how to welcome those of all cultures to the tables of our communities.

"Food justice is more than access to food, it's the ability to have access to the food that you know how to prepare, and the food that's nourished you and your community.... Even a lot of the things from the food hampers that people get is really based on a Western diet."
- Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith

CLICK HERE to watch ***Bulla with Alydia***

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP_64Nfho2c

Minutes for Mission

STEADY PRESENCE ON THE NORTHERN LANDSCAPE



Credit: Hillcrest United Church

In Fort Nelson, BC, where the landscape is vast and the seasons are bold, **Hillcrest United Church** has been a vibrant presence for more than 60 years.

Rural ministry carries its own rhythm - shaped by distance, resilience, and close-knit relationships. At **Hillcrest**, that spirit is tangible. Worship blends cherished hymns with newer songs. Faith is lived not only in the sanctuary, but in everyday acts of care and connection.

As a rural church, **Hillcrest** plays an

essential role in community life - offering pastoral presence, encouragement, and a welcoming space where everyone belongs. Accessible and intentionally inclusive, it reflects the strength and generosity that define rural communities across Canada.

Hillcrest offers points of connection beyond Sunday services, inviting the community to Christmas and Spring teas, garage sales, and events peppered throughout the year.

Through **Mission and Service**, **Hillcrest** is part of a wider movement of hope. From northern British Columbia, their generosity supports ministries across the country and around the world - and they, too, are strengthened by this shared experience.

Hillcrest reminds us that rural congregations are vital expressions of faith - grounded, resilient, and forward-looking.

When we give to **Mission and Service**, we are standing with rural communities like **Hillcrest** - sustaining ministry, nurturing connection, and helping vibrant congregations continue to flourish in every part of Canada.

From the United Church of Canada website

<https://united-church.ca/stories/steady-presence-northern-landscape>

Thomas Alfred Milburn

February 19, 1927 ~ December 1, 2025

Memorial Service - Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am

A memorial service celebrating the life of Tom Milburn will be held at the church on **Saturday, April 11th at 11:00 am.**

There will be a reception following the service.

In 1958, Tom and Allison moved to Don Mills, and bought a house two doors away from Mary (Tom's sister) and her husband, Cam Beaton. Here Tom and Allison raised their girls, Susan, Margaret and Ann with their nieces, Cathy and Barbara Beaton nearby. The families did many activities together and created wonderful memories. Tom was a long-time member of **The Donway Covenant United Church**, the **Don Mills Kiwanis Club** and curled at the **Avonlea Curling Club.**



Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price

In Celebration of EARTH DAY

**The Outreach Committee
invites you to join us for:**

**Lunch, Films and Discussion on the topic
of the Water Crisis on Canada's First Nations**

April 18th: 11:30 -1:30

**There is no cost for this event, but
please RSVP to Emily by April 13th**



**Access to safe water is a
fundamental human right, yet
currently 37 First Nations are
under a boil water alert. What
does this mean for daily life on
reserves without
clean water? How
has this been
allowed to
continue? What
can we do?**



**We will see short films about
two First Nations, Grassy
Narrows and Neskantaga who
have been battling this crisis
too long.**

**Come and
explore this
issue with us.**



DCUC Knitting Group

**As the cold weather is now abating
we are beginning to knit baby and
children's items for donation to the
Abiona Centre (Formerly Massey Centre),
as well as a women's shelter, and
various other organizations assisting
mothers and their children.**

**If you are aware of any other institutions
in need, please let us know.**

Andrea Sloan



**The last of our cold weather items were
delivered to a very appreciative Eva's Place
Youth Shelter.**

**Our meetings are on the second and
fourth Mondays of the month, from
2:30 ~ 3:30 pm in our Living Room.**

Our next meeting is Monday, April 13th

Jubilee United Church

Spring Lecture Series

**Be Informed, Be Entertained,
Be Inspired**

Monday, April 13

Ms. Whitney Hilts from Delmanor returns to talk about “gut health”. Learn how your eating habits enhance or destroy your precious gut flora. What are probiotics and prebiotics?

Monday, April 20

Constable Joel Roberts from 33 Division of Toronto Police Services will give a refresher course on safety and security, with a focus on AI (Artificial Intelligence) and distraction thefts.

Monday, April 27

Ms. Arlene Chan, author of several books on the history of the Chinese in Canada, will share her knowledge, with pictures, of the history of the people and places of Toronto’s Chinese community.

Join us for one, two, or three presentations. There is no registration or fee. Come to the Garden Room at 1:00 pm to pick up tea/coffee and cookies, and enjoy them in the sanctuary. Presentations will be given from 1:15 to 2:30 pm.

**Jubilee United Church,
40 Underhill Drive, North York, ON M3A 2J5
416 - 447 - 6846**

Ladies' Fellowship

Our *Ladies' Fellowship* will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 am on ZOOM under the leadership of Maureen Smith.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 10:30 am.** on ZOOM.

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Emily at the church office for the **Zoom** link.

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You're Worth It

by **Faith Dias Neto**

He looked at the cross
And He looked at me
'It's worth it', He says
Unworthy, undeserving -
'You're worth it' He says.

Every lash, every whip
The pain -
'You're worth it'
Every wound,
every bruise
The shame -
'You're worth it'

They spat at Him
Mocked Him
Left Him best for dead
Yet still He said -
'You are worth it'

'Lord, let this cup pass'
But still, went on

For His love drew Him on.

I look at my life
And I look at Him
'You're worth it' I say

Every tear, every struggle
My little cross that I bear
'You're worth it'

And so, I'll press on
Through the trials
and the lows
Because one day
I'll meet my King

And
It'll all be worth it.

My eyes fixed
on the cross
Mind stayed on above
It's worth it,
dear Child of God.

I picked up my cross
I followed Christ
For He is worthy
And all because
He thought me worth it.

Celebrate Spring
with
**Brookbanks for African Grannies
Songs and Sweets**



Featuring

Emerging Voices of Amadeus Choir
Performing with other Choir Members

*Enjoy the concert
and a cup of tea
with sweet treats*



Saturday April 25 at 2 pm

Jubilee United Church,
40 Underhill Drive

**Tickets: \$35 before April 1,
\$40 after April 1**

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Celia Ball at (416) 605 - 2881

Visit our Marketplace for gifts and trinkets



Grandmothers to
Grandmothers



Special Thanks

To Jubilee United for being very generous to us by giving us space to do the concert.

We donate all of our proceeds to the Stephen Lewis Foundation by having a couple of fund raisers a year and send our money directly to the Stephen Lewis Foundation under the heading for African Grannies.

Times are tough for Africa Grannies right now as financial support has been cut and suspended.

The money is to support the Grandmothers whose children have died from Aids and therefore support those children left without a mother.

Brookbanks for African Grannies



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*The Emerging
Canadian Voices*

(ECV) is a high level ensemble-based professional choral singing incubator for emerging singers and conductors. The program is aimed at developing the skills to build a vibrant career that includes collaboration, innovation, solo and ensemble performance, community engagement and leadership. 8 singers work together as a stand-alone ensemble while also forming an integral part of the full 80-voice Amadeus Choir.

Stephen Lewis Foundation

The **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** was launched in 2006, as an initiative of the **Stephen Lewis Foundation**, in response to the emerging crisis faced by grandmothers in Africa. Since 2006, more than \$40 million has been raised in support of grandmothers and the community-led organizations that support them across 14 countries in Africa. In the face of discrimination based on gender, age, and HIV status, they are courageous advocates for their families and communities.

Starting with just a few groups in Canada, the **Grandmothers Campaign** now includes 10,000 grandmothers and grandmothers in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Grandmothers groups organize fundraising events and activities and act in solidarity with the grandmothers and the **SLF's**

community-led partners in 14 countries across Africa.

This international grandmothers movement amplifies the voices and expertise of grandmother in Africa and shows the world that grandmothers have a critical role to play in reclaiming hope and rebuilding resilience.

CLICK HERE to read more about the work of the **Stephen Lewis Foundation**

<https://stephenlewisfoundation.org/>

and

<https://grandmotherscampaign.org/>



Grandmothers to
Grandmothers



Stephen Lewis
Foundation



Thursday, April 9th, 2026
12 to 2 pm

\$20

Lunch (noon) & Entertainment

“Oldies But Goodies” Songs We Love to Hear Again!

with

2B1 Singing Duo,

Ester and Rudy



**Bring your Friends & Enjoy the Afternoon!
Food, Fellowship and Fun for Seniors!**



Entertainment generously sponsored by **Mosaic Home Care Services**

Reservations requested by noon
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A Community Outreach Program of
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33 Overland Drive, Don Mills, ON, M3C 2C3
Wheelchair Access

YOU'RE WELCOME TO

join us!

Please let us know if you are coming.

**The ROM Presents: Queens,
Goddesses & Women of Importance**

Monday March 30th at 2:30 pm
(In-person event)

Join volunteers from the ROM as they bring to light Queens, Goddesses & Women of Influence. The team will explore the allure of mysterious and powerful women through art, sculpture, and special treasures at the Royal Ontario Museum. From renowned figures like Marie de' Medici and Cleopatra to captivating goddesses and lesser-known - but no less fascinating - women, discover the stories of influence, intrigue, and power that echo across cultures and centuries.

These events are **FREE**.
Space is limited!

**Presentation: Julius Caesar:
Ides of March – Paul Dias**

Tuesday March 31st at 2:15 pm
(In-person event)

Join presenter Paul Dias as he discusses the dramatic life of Julius Caesar as soldier, statesman, pirate-fighter, and one-time lover of Cleopatra. From battlefield triumphs to political intrigue, including the fateful Ides of March - March 15th, the day of his assassination - this engaging presentation uncovers the legend, the legacy, and the lasting impact of one of history's most compelling figures. Discover how he helped transform Rome into history's greatest empire, and why the name "Caesar" still echoes through the centuries.

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Sound Advice for a Happy Retirement

Monday March 30th
from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Retired lawyer, Sheldon Parker, offers sound advice on how to truly enjoy your retirement, without falling into the emotional and social pitfalls that lurk all around us. He offers practical and effective advice and solutions to enjoy your retirement...because life is too short to drink bad wine!



Tea & Movies: "To Kill A Mockingbird" 1962

Monday April 13th
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Based on Harper Lee's semi-autobiographical novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the story of six-year old Jean Louise Finch, growing up in the Depression era of the early 1930s in a small southern town and how her father, Atticus Finch decided to defend a poor black man falsely accused of rape.



Wednesday Night Movie "Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy" 2025

Wednesday April 1st
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a younger man and her son's science teacher.



Connecting with Nature: A Pathway to Joy - How to Create a Pollinator

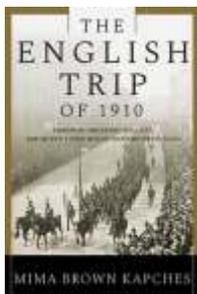
Wednesday April 15th
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Establishing a pollinator garden composed of native plants provides considerable advantages for fostering beneficial insects and birds in residential settings. By thoughtfully selecting and positioning appropriate native species, one can create a robust habitat that attracts bees, butterflies, birds, and other essential pollinators. You will find more enjoyment in your yard and advance both biodiversity visual appeal of the property.



Tech Help Thursday April 2nd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Drop in. Do you have questions about your tablet, phone, laptop or email? Need help with e-books or other online library services? We help with your technical questions! No technology repairs



Dr. Mima Brown Kapch: Sir Henry Pellatt and the English Trip of 1910 (New Date)

Wednesday April 8th
from 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Dr. Mima Brown Kapches presents and discusses her Canadian historical non-fiction book, *"The English Trip of 1910"*. Sir Henry Pellatt (of Casa Loma fame) was the Commanding Officer of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto in 1910, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. Pellatt organized for over 600 young men from Toronto in the QOR to travel to England on a fully paid trip. This is the story of that adventure.

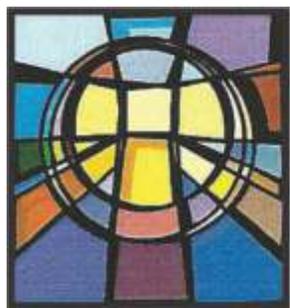


From Balconies to Backyards: Planning a Successful Vegetable Garden

Monday April 20th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Want to enjoy vegetables you've grown yourself in your own backyard or on your balcony? A Toronto Master Gardener will lead a demonstration and show how to get started to grow your own vegetables. Get some tips and learn techniques for successful growing. At the end of the program, vegetable seeds or seedlings will be shared with attendees, while supplies last.

**Please call 416-395-5710
for further details
and to reserve your spot!**



The Donway Covenant United Church



Need pastoral care?

Call the church office and
Emily will direct your call.

Minister: Rev. Lorrie Daly-Price

Music Director: Scott Pietrangelo

Church Administrator: Emily McLean

Custodian: Kim Morgan

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